22. REPORT OF THE CYCLE STEERING GROUP

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee on the meeting of the Cycle Steering Group held on 15 April 2003.

This is a standing subcommittee of the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee established in November 2001 and has a role in:

- Developing and monitoring the implementation of the Cycle Strategy.
- Commenting on cycle aspects of Council projects.
- Making recommendations where the Council makes cycle policy decisions.

The membership comprises elected representatives and representatives of cycle organisations, NZAA and the LTSA.

At its meeting on 15 April 2003 the Steering Group considered the following items:

- Attitudes to cycling in Christchurch Karen Selway of Opinions Market Research provided information on the Annual Attitudes Towards Cycling in Christchurch survey 2002.
- Cycle aspects of the 2003/04 Annual Plan.
- Central City Transport Working Party A brief update was provided by the Chairperson.
- Update on current cycle climate A general discussion on current topics.
- National Cycle Conference October 2003 A separate report on this topic is to be provided as a supplementary item.

A copy of the minutes of the meeting has been separately circulated to Committee members for information and in addition Mr Richard Heyman and Mr Steve Van Dorsser from SPOKES will attend the meeting to speak to this report and to the issues raised in respect to the Steering Group's recommendations.

Steering Group Recommendation:

Following considerable discussion on current cycle issues the Subcommittee resolved to formally report to the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee that it supports:

- 1. The provision of off-road cycleways where they can be installed.
- 2. The Living Streets concept and the slowing of traffic in urban areas (including 30 kph zones) so that appropriate speeds are achieved.
- Treatment on arterial roads to provide the best transport solution in a shared environment.
- 4. That the provision of better cycle storage facilities in shopping malls be investigated.